

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 19-36, 38-43, 45, 47-51 and 59 are currently pending. Claims 1-18, 37 and 52-58 are presently cancelled. Claims 35, 38 and 39 are amended. Claim 38 has been amended to correct grammatical errors.

Claims 19-34, 45, 47-51 and 59 are allowed. Claims 37 and 39 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 35 has been amended to include many of the limitations of claim 37. Likewise, claim 39 has been amended to include many of the limitations of claims 35 and 38. Therefore, it is believed claims 37 and 39 are allowable.

Claims 1-18, 35-36, 38 and 40-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,008,680 ("*Kyles et al.*").

Claims 52-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,752,408 B1 ("*Cao et al.*") in view of *Kyles et al.*

While the Applicant's attorney disagrees with the Examiner's rejections cited above, these claims have been cancelled to expedite prosecution.


Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of claims 19-36, 38-43, 45, 47-51 and 59 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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